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GUEVARA REMARKS

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(EXCERPTS) HAVANA--MAJ. ERNESTO GUEVARA, CUBAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, WHO RETURNED FROM MOSCOW THREE DAYS AGO, SAYS THAT THE MILITARY AID THE USSR RECENTLY GRANTED CUBA MARKS AN HISTORIC EVENT. HE ALSO FEELS THAT THE USSR NOW HAS MORE POWER THAN THE UNITED STATES. THE JOINT CUBA-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE OF 2 SEPTEMBER EXACTLY MARKS THE MOMENT THE EAST-WEST POWER RELATION WAS REVERSED, ERNESTO GUEVARA DECLARED, ADDING THAT IN HIS OPINION THE SCALES ARE DIPPING ON THE SOVIET SIDE. THE MINISTER MADE THESE STATEMENTS TO AN AFP CORRESPONDENT AT A BRAZILIAN EMBASSY RECEPTION ON THE OCCASION OF BRAZIL'S NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

THE UNITED STATES CANNOT DO ANYTHING BUT YIELD, GUEVARA SAID. HE SEEMS TO FEEL THAT THE SOVIET MILITARY AID TO CUBA IS A GESTURE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. THIS IS ALSO WHAT SOME OBSERVERS IN HAVANA THINK, THAT IT IS A REAL CHALLENGE. DURING THE SAME RECEPTION, CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA DECLARED THAT ACCORDING TO HIM, THE SOVIET AID WAS IN THE NATURE OF A COMPLETE MILITARY GUARANTEE.

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